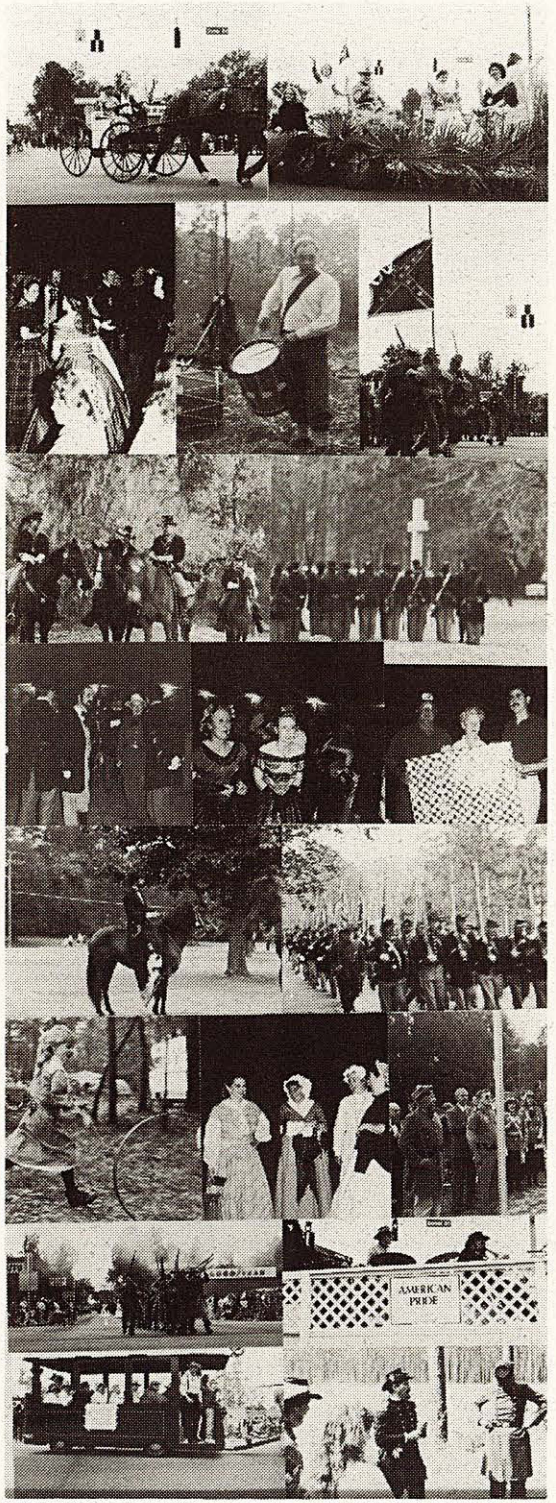


On a spring-like morning, Feburary 20, 1864. The Federal forces gathered outside Lake City with purpose-to procure agricultural products and food, to obtain recruits and to force the allegiance of Florida to the Union.

Local Confederate forces, along with forces from Georgia and other close by states, equally determined to preserve and protect their commodities, banded together at Olustee, considering it their most defensible position.

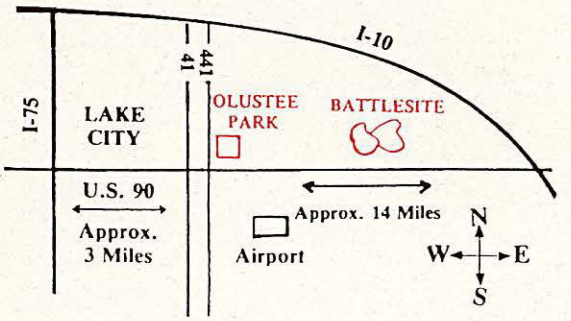
Under the command of Brigadier General Joseph Finegan the battle began with Confederate advance Cavalry forces luring Federals toward the primary defenses.

Straight and narrow pine trees stood at somber attention on this Olustee Field, with heavy fighting around them, beginning in the afternoon and ending at dusk.

The momentum shifted back and forth and back again, but by cover of nightfall the Federals retreated. The victory was clearly the Confederates.

Each February, in the vast timberland that is Columbia and Baker Counties, those who remember, join professional War Between the States' reenactors in commemorating this historic moment and in celebrating the accomplishments seeded by those spirited pioneers.

Everyone is invited to join the Blue-Grey Army, Inc., Lake City, Baker and Columbia Counties in this Historic remembrance.



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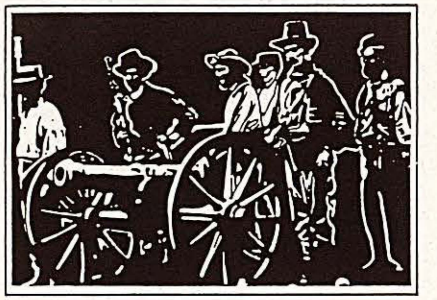

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OLUSTEE FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 14, 15, 1997

Downtown

Lake City Columbia County, Florida

REENACTMENT

FEBRUARY 16, 1997

Olustee Battlefield U.S. 90 East

CNB
National Bank

Presents

19th Annual Olustee Battle Festival & 21st Olustee Battle Re-Enactment

Festival Organization

Blue/Grey Army, Inc.

For Information Contact:

Blue/Grey Army, Inc.
P.O. Box 2224
Lake City, Florida 32056
(904) 758-1312
24-Hour Information Line

- Schedule of Pre-Festival Events -

Januany 31 - February 2, 1997 (3 day event)
Tennis Tournament - Cannon Creek Tennis Complex

Friday Evening - February 7
Awards/Sponsors Reception - Lake City Country Club

Saturday - February 8
Golf Tournament - Lake City Country Club
Scramble Format

Saturday Evening - February 8
Blue/Grey 100 (Stock Car Race)
Columbia County Motor Speedway

- Downtown Festival Events -

- Friday - February 14 -

9:00 a.m. Civil War Memorial Service
(Oaklawn Cemetery - W. Franklin Street)

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Arts/Crafts/Collectibles and
Food Booths Open
Entertainment
Authentic Village Displays
American Heritage Fine Arts Show

12:00 p.m. (noon)
Official Festival Opening Ceremony
(Olustee Park)

6:00 p.m. Battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac
Navy Confrontation (Lake DeSoto)

NOTE: Fireworks on the Lake after the battle
between the two boats

- Saturday - February 15 -

8:00 a.m.
One Mile Fun Run (Around Lake DeSoto)

Awards after the Fun Run (Olustee Park)

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Arts/Crafts/Collectibles and
Food Booths Open
Entertainment
Authentic Village Displays
American Heritage Fine Arts Show

10:30 a.m. Olustee Parade
(From S. Marion St. to U.S. 90 W.)

12:00 p.m. (noon)
Visiting Dignitaries and Special Parade
Guests to appear on the Stage (Olustee Park)
& Parade Awards Presentation

7:45 p.m. Blue/Grey Square Dance
(National Guard Armory - Lake Jeffery Rd.)

- Battlefield Events -

- Friday - February 14 -

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Class Tours for School Children

- Saturday - February 15 -

8:00 a.m. Presentation of Colors

2:30 p.m. Period Music Concert

3:30 p.m. Battle Reenactment

9:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. (Open to Public)
Reenactment Camp & Sutlers Row
(Admission at gate - $3 Adult - $1 Students
Pre-school - 5 yrs. and under FREE)

- Sunday, February 16 -

8:00 a.m. Presentation of Colors

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Open to Public)
Reenactment Camp & Sutlers Row
(Admission at gate - $3 Adult - $1 Students
Pre-school - 5 yrs. and under FREE)

1:30 p.m. 21st Annual Olustee Battle REENACTMENT
"133rd Anniversary of the Battle of Olustee"

SPECIAL NOTES:
Friday - February 14, 1997 - Admission Free to the Park.

Saturday & Sunday - February 15 & 16, 1997 - Go early before the skirmish or the battle and enjoy a walk through the authentic camp sites and Sutler's Row. Admission at Gate.

FOOD AVAILABLE at the Olustee Village at the Park
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

TRANSPORTATION: Park 'n Ride - Park your car and ride the Shuttle Bus. Continuous shuttle bus service to and from the Lake City entrance of the Olustee Battlefield beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and again on Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m., from the Lake City Airport and the Baker County Prison Center. Both sites on U.S. 90 East. Minimum bus charge of 50¢ per person.